

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a seat belt device, when the collision of a vehicle is foreknown, a motor of a retractor is driven for rotation in a normal direction to take up a webbing of a seat belt, and when an acceleration equal to or larger than a predetermined value is applied to the vehicle, the webbing is locked so that it cannot be drawn out of the retractor. In a case where the collision is avoided after the motor of the retractor is driven for rotation in the normal direction based on the foreknowing of the collision to increase the tension of the webbing of the seat belt, when it is detected by systems having information regarding the acceleration of the vehicle that the acceleration of the vehicle has been reduced to be smaller than the predetermined value, the locking operation of the retractor is cancelled to loose the webbing by driving the motor of the retractor for rotation in the normal direction. Thus, it is possible to draw out the webbing by a motor-assisted pretensioner of the seat belt device with a good timing without need for a special sensor and an actuator.